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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Douglas P. ALLARD

Serial No.: 10/017,385

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: HIGH CAPACITY BASIN FILTRATION  
SYSTEM WITH ADJUSTABLE DEFLECTOR  
RING

Group Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: Alexandra K. Pechhold

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11533.0012.CPUS05

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2003**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner Pechhold:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated **November 25, 2003**, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on **February 25, 2004**. A Petition for extending this period for response by three months to **May 25, 2004** accompanies this response, along with a Request for Continued Examination and a check for the appropriate extension fee. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

